Expenditure Tax outstanding against 5 Star Hotels in Delhi

2658. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure tax outstanding for the years 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 against each of the 5 star Hotels in Delhi; and

(b) the action being taken by the Government to recover the tax arrears?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No amount is outstanding as expenditure tax against five star hotels assessed in Delhi for the Assessment Years 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92.

(b) Does not arise.

Financial Assistance to Small Scale Sector

2659. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to widen the scope of seed/special capital assistance to small scale sector through Commercial Banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether National Equity Fund Scheme would be made available to Small Scale Sector irrespective of the location of the unit, population criteria and minimum/ maximum project cost;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if reply to parts (a) and (c) above is in negative, what economic and financial loss Small Industries Development Bank of India would be having under its refinance scheme for Small Scale Sector; and

(f) what alternative remedial measures the government propose to take with a view to accelerate the flow of assistance to small scale sector under the New Industrial Policy for small sector to eradicate unemployment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). there is currently no proposal for widening the scope of the Seed Capital Scheme being administered by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for giving assistance to the small scale sector. As regards the Special Capital Fund Scheme, State Financial Corporations provide seed capital assistance from their Special Capital Fund contributed by the respective State Governments and IDBI on a matching basis.

(c) and (d). Under the policy measures announced by the Government in August 1991, for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises, the scope of the National Equity Fund Scheme (NEFS) has been widened to cover projects upto Rs. 10,00 lakhs. There is currently no proposal for any further increase in the project cost. No decision has been taken on the delinking of population/locational criteria for eligibility of equity assistance under the NEFS.

(e) Since part (a) of the question does not contain any specific proposal, the question of SIDBI suffering any further economic or financial loss does not appear to arise. As the financial implications of part (c) are currently not quantifiable, it is also not possible to make any estimate for the likely losses to be suffered by SIDBI under the NEFS.

(f) Policy measures have already been announced by the Government on 6.8.91 for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village industries. The primary objective of this policy during the 1990s would be to impart more vitality and provide a growth